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PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION
for the invention entitled:

"A NOVEL GROWTH FACTOR AND A GENETIC SEQUENCE
ENCODING SAME - II"

The invention is described in the following statement:

A NOVEL GROWTH FACTOR AND A GENETIC SEQUENCE
ENCODING SAME - II

5 The present invention relates generally to an isolated molecule having vascular endothelial growth factor-like properties and to a genetic sequence encoding same. The molecule will be useful in the development of a range of therapeutics and diagnostics useful in the treatment, prophylaxis and/or diagnosis of conditions requiring enhanced or diminished vasculature and/or vascular permeability.

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Bibliographic details of the publications referred to by author in this specification are collected at the end of the description. Sequence Identity Numbers (SEQ ID NOs.) for the nucleotide and amino acid sequences referred to in the specification are defined following the bibliography.

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Throughout this specification, unless the context requires otherwise, the word "comprise", or variations such as "comprises" or "comprising", will be understood to imply the inclusion of a stated element or integer or group of elements or integers but not the exclusion of any other element or integer or group of elements or integers.

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Vascular endothelial growth factor (hereinafter referred to as "VEGF"), also known as vasoactive permeability factor, is a secreted, covalently linked homodimeric glycoprotein that specifically activates endothelial tissues (Senger *et al.*, 1993). A range of functions have been attributed to VEGF such as its involvement in normal angiogenesis including
25 formation of the corpus luteum (Yan *et al.*, 1993) and placental development (Sharkey *et al.*, 1993), regulation of vascular permeability (Senger *et al.*, 1993), inflammatory angiogenesis (Sunderkotter *et al.*, 1994) and autotransplantation (Dissen *et al.*, 1994) and human diseases such as tumour promoting angiogenesis (Folkman & Shing, 1992), rheumatoid arthritis (Koch *et al.*, 1994) and diabetes related retinopathy (Folkman &
30 Shing, 1992).

VEGF is, therefore, an important molecule making it a potentially valuable target for research into therapeutics, prophylactics and diagnostic agents based on VEGF or its activities. There is also a need to identify homologues or otherwise related molecules
5 for use as an alternative to VEGF or in conjunction with VEGF.

In work leading up to the present invention, the inventors sought the multiple endocrine neoplasia type I susceptibility gene (MEN1). Surprisingly, the inventors discovered that a genetic sequence excluded as a candidate for the MEN1 gene was nevertheless a new
10 growth factor having some similarity to VEGF.

Accordingly, one aspect of the present invention comprises a biologically isolated proteinaceous molecule comprising a sequence of amino acids which:

- (i) is at least about 15% similar to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID
15 NO:2; and
- (ii) is at least 5% dissimilar to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.

Another aspect of the present invention provides a biologically isolated proteinaceous molecule having the following characteristics:

- 20 (i) comprises an amino acid sequence having at least about 15% similarity but at least about 5% dissimilarity to all or part of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2;
- (ii) exhibits at least one property in common with VEGF.

25 A related aspect of the present invention contemplates a biologically isolated proteinaceous molecule having the following characteristics:

- (i) comprises an amino acid sequence having at least about 15% similarity but at least about 5% dissimilarity to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2;
- 30 (ii) exhibits at least one of the following properties:
 - (a) ability to induce proliferation of vascular endothelial cells;
 - (b) ability to interact with *flt-1/flk-1* family of receptors;

- (c) ability to induce cell migration, cell survival and/or an increase in intracellular levels of alkaline phosphatase.

By "biologically isolated" is meant that the molecule has undergone at least one step of purification from a biological source. Preferably, the molecule is also biologically pure meaning that a composition comprises at least about 20%, more preferably at least about 40%, still more preferably at least about 65%, even still more preferably at least about 80-90% or greater of the molecule as determined by weight, activity or other convenient means, relative to other compounds in the composition. Most preferably, the molecule is sequencably pure.

Another preferred aspect of the present invention provides the molecule in recombinant form.

According to this aspect of the present invention, there is provided a recombinant molecule comprising a sequence of amino acids which:

- (i) is at least about 15% similar to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2; and
- (ii) is at least 5% dissimilar to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.

A related aspect of the present invention is directed to a recombinant molecule having the following characteristics:

- (i) comprises an amino acid sequence having at least about 15% similarity but at least about 5% dissimilarity to all or part of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2;
- (ii) exhibits at least one property in common with VEGF.

A further related aspect of the present invention contemplates a recombinant molecule having the following characteristics:

- (i) comprises an amino acid sequence having at least about 15% similarity but at least about 5% dissimilarity to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2;

(ii) exhibits at least one of the following properties:

- (a) ability to induce proliferation of vascular endothelial cells;
- (b) ability to interact with *flt-1/flk-1* family of receptors;
- (c) ability to induce cell migration, cell survival and/or an increase in intracellular levels of alkaline phosphatase.

The present invention also contemplates genomic or partial genome clones encoding a proteinaceous molecule having at least about 15% amino acid similarity but at least about 5% dissimilarity to SEQ ID NO:1.

The amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2 corresponds to human VEGF (referred to herein as "VEGF₁₆₅"). Accordingly, the molecule of the present invention is VEGF-like or is a homologue of VEGF but comprises an amino acid sequence which is similar but non-identical to the amino sequence of VEGF. Although the present invention is exemplified using a human VEGF-like molecule, this is done with the understanding that the instant invention contemplates the homologous molecule and encoding sequence from other mammals such as livestock animals (e.g. sheep, pigs, horses and cows), companion animals (e.g. dogs and cats) and laboratory test animals (e.g. mice, rats, rabbits and guinea pigs) as well as non-mammals such as birds (e.g. poultry birds), fish and reptiles. In a most preferred embodiment, the VEGF-like molecule is of human origin and encoded by a gene located at chromosome 11q13. The present invention extends, therefore, to the genomic sequence or part thereof encoding the subject VEGF-like molecule.

Preferably, the percentage similarity is at least about 30%, more preferably at least about 40%, still more preferably at least about 50%, still even more preferably at least about 60-70%, yet even more preferably at least about 80-95% to all or part of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.

In a particularly preferred embodiment, the VEGF-like molecule of the present invention comprises a sequence of amino acids as set forth in SEQ ID NO:4 or is a part, fragment, derivative or analogue thereof. The amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:4 is

also referred to herein as "SOM175_{short}". Particularly preferred similarities include about 19-20%, and 29-30%. Reference herein to derivatives also includes splice variants. Accordingly, the present invention extends to splice variants of SOM175_{short}. Examples of splice variants contemplated by the present invention include but are not
5 limited to variants with an amino acid sequence substantially as set forth in at least one of SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:8 and/or SEQ ID NO:10 or mutants or derivatives or further splice variants thereof.

Another embodiment provides a recombinant molecule having the following
10 characteristics:

- (i) an amino acid sequence substantially as set forth in SEQ ID NO:4 or having at least about 15% similarity to all or part thereof provided that said amino acid sequence is at least about 5% dissimilar to all or part of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2;
- 15 (ii) exhibits at least one biological property in common with VEGF.

Another embodiment provides a recombinant molecule having the following characteristics:

- (i) an amino acid sequence substantially as set forth in SEQ ID NO:6 or having at
20 least about 15% similarity to all or part thereof provided that said amino acid sequence is at least about 5% dissimilar to all or part of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2;
- (ii) exhibits at least one biological property in common with VEGF.

25 Another embodiment provides a recombinant molecule having the following characteristics:

- (i) an amino acid sequence substantially as set forth in SEQ ID NO:8 or having at least about 15% similarity to all or part thereof provided that said amino acid sequence is at least about 5% dissimilar to all or part of the amino acid sequence
30 set forth in SEQ ID NO:2;
- (ii) exhibits at least one biological property in common with VEGF.

Another embodiment provides a recombinant molecule having the following characteristics:

- (i) an amino acid sequence substantially as set forth in SEQ ID NO:10 or having at least about 15% similarity to all or part thereof provided that said amino acid sequence is at least about 5% dissimilar to all or part of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2;
- (ii) exhibits at least one biological property in common with VEGF.

Such properties of VEGF include at least one of:

- (a) ability to induce proliferation of vascular endothelial cells;
 - (b) an ability to interact with *flt-1/flk-1* family of receptors;
 - (c) an ability to induce cell migration, cell survival and/or an increase in intracellular levels of alkaline phosphatase.
- 15 In accordance with the present invention, a preferred similarity is at least about 40%, more preferably at least about 50% and even more preferably at least about 65% similarity.

Still a further aspect of the present invention contemplates a peptide fragment corresponding to a portion of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:4 or a splice variant thereof such as set forth in SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:8 or SEQ ID NO:10 or a chemical equivalent thereof. The biologically isolated or recombinant molecule of the present invention may be naturally glycosylated or may comprise an altered glycosylation pattern depending on the cells from which it is isolated or synthesised. For example, if produced by recombinant means in prokaryotic organisms, the molecule would be non-glycosylated. The molecule may be a full length, naturally occurring form or may be a truncated or otherwise derivatised form.

Yet another aspect of the present invention is directed to a nucleic acid molecule encoding the VEGF-like molecule herein described. More particularly, the present invention provides a nucleic acid molecule comprising a sequence of nucleotides substantially as set forth in SEQ ID NO:3 or having at least 15% similarity to all or part

thereof or being capable of hybridising under low stringency conditions to a reverse complement of the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:3 provided that the nucleic acid sequence having at least 15% similarity but at least 30% dissimilarity to the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:3. The nucleotide sequence set forth in
5 SEQ ID NO:3 is also referred to herein as "SOM175". Preferably, the percentage dissimilarity is about 35%, more preferably about 39% and even more preferably about 40-50% or greater.

For the purposes of defining the level of stringency, reference can conveniently be made
10 to Sambrook *et al* (1989) at pages 9.47-9.51 which is herein incorporated by reference where the washing steps disclosed are considered high stringency. A low stringency is defined herein as being in 4-6X SSC/0.1-0.5% w/v SDS at 37-45°C for 2-3 hours. Depending on the source and concentration of nucleic acid involved in the hybridisation, alternative conditions of stringency may be employed such as medium stringent
15 conditions which are considered herein to be 1-4X SSC/0.25-0.5% w/v SDS at $\geq 45^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 2-3 hours or high stringent conditions considered herein to be 0.1-1X SSC/0.1% w/v SDS at 60°C for 1-3 hours.

The present invention further contemplates a nucleic acid molecule which encodes a
20 VEGF-like molecule as hereinbefore described having at least 15% nucleotide sequence homology to SEQ ID NO:3. Preferred levels of homology include at least about 40%, more preferably around 60-70%.

The present invention is further directed to the murine homologue of human VEGF
25 (referred to herein as "mVRF"). The mVRF has approximately 85% identity and 92% conservation of amino acid residues over the entire coding region compared to human VEGF. The mVRF is encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence substantially as set forth in Figure 9.

30 The VEGF-like molecule of the present invention will be useful in the development of a range of therapeutic and/or diagnostic applications alone or in combination with other molecules such as VEGF. The present invention extends, therefore, to pharmaceutical

compositions comprising the VEGF-like molecule or parts, fragments, derivatives, homologues or analogues thereof together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and/or diluents. Furthermore, the present invention extends to vectors comprising the nucleic acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:3 or having at least about
5 15%, more preferably about 40% and even more preferably around 60-70% similarity thereto but at least 30% and more preferably around 39% dissimilarity thereto and host cells comprising same. In addition, the present invention extends to ribozymes and antisense molecules based on SEQ ID NO:3 as well as neutralizing antibodies to the VEGF-like molecule. Such molecules may be useful in ameliorating the effects of, for
10 example, over expression of VEGF-like genes leading to angiogenesis or vascularization of tumours.

The present invention also contemplates antibodies to the VEGF-like molecule or nucleic acid probes to a gene encoding the VEGF-like molecule which are useful as diagnostic
15 agents.

The present invention is further described by reference to the following non-limiting Figures and/or Examples.

20 In the Figures:

Figure 1 Nucleotide sequence [SEQ ID NO:1] and corresponding amino acid sequence [SEQ ID NO:2] of VEGF₁₆₅.

25 **Figure 2** Nucleotide sequence [SEQ ID NO:3] and corresponding amino acid sequence [SEQ ID NO:4] of SOM175.

Figure 3 Results of BLAST search with SOM175 protein sequence.

30 **Figure 4** BESTFIT alignment of VEGF cDNA and SOM175 cDNA.

Figure 5 Multiple alignment of VEGF₁₆₅ with SOM175 and its splice variants at the nucleotide level.

5 **Figure 6** Multiple alignment of VEGF₁₆₅ with SOM175 and its splice variants at the amino acid level.

Figure 7 Diagrammatic representation of SOM175 and its splice variants.

Figure 8(a) Diagrammatic representation of genomic structure of human SOM175
10 genomic showing exon/intron map.

Figure 8(b) Diagrammatic representation of genomic structure of human SOM175 showing exon/intron boundaries.

15 **Figure 9** Nucleotide and predicted peptide sequences derived from mVRF cDNA clones. Numbering of nucleotides are given on the left, starting from the A of the initiation codon. Amino acids are numbered on the right, starting from the first residue of the predicted mature protein after the putative signal peptide has been removed. The alternately spliced region is double underlined and the resulting peptide sequence from
20 each mRNA is included. A potential polyadenylation signal is indicated in boldface. Start and stop codons of mVRF₁₆₇ and mVRF₁₈₆ are underlined and a polymorphic AC repeat in the 3' UTR is indicated by a stippled box. The positions of intron/exons boundaries are indicated by arrowheads.

25 **Figure 10** BESTFIT alignments of human and murine VRF protein isoforms. A: mVRF₁₆₇ and hVRF₁₆₇. B: mVRF₁₈₆ and hVRF₁₈₆ from the point where the sequences diverge from the respective 167 amino acid isoforms. Amino acid identities are marked with vertical bars and conserved amino acids with colons. An arrow marks the predicted signal peptide cleavage site of human and mouse VRF.

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Figure 11 BESTFIT alignment of mVRF₁₆₇ and mVEGF₁₈₈ (Breier *et al*, 1992) peptide sequences. An arrow marks the signal peptide cleavage site of mVEGF. Identical amino acids are indicated by vertical bars and conservative substitutions by colons. Numbering of amino acids is as described in the legend to Figure 9.

Figure 12 Comparison of gene structure between VRF (a generic VRF gene is shown since the intron/exon organisation of the mouse and human homologues is almost identical) and other members of the human VEGF/PIGF/PDGF gene family. Exons are represented by boxes. Protein coding regions and untranslated regions are shown by filled and open sections respectively. The hatched region in VRF indicates the additional 3' UTR sequence formed by alternate splicing of the VRF₁₈₆ isoform. Potential alternate splice products of each gene are shown.

Figure 13 Autoradiogram of a Northern blot of total RNA from various adult mouse tissues (as indicated) hybridised with an mVRF cDNA clone. A major transcript of 1.3 kb was detected in all samples.

Figure 14 Film autoradiographs (A-C) and dark-field micrographs (D-E) illustrating the expression pattern of mVRF and mRNA in the mouse. In the E14 mouse embryo (A) positive signals are present over the developing heart (Ha) and cerebral cortex (Cx). A low background signal is also present over other tissues in the section. In the E17 embryo (B) and the heart (Ha) is clearly visible due to a strong hybridisation signal. An equally strong signal is present over brown adipose tissue (Fa) in the back and around the thoracic cage. A moderate hybridisation signal is present over the spinal cord (SC) and the tongue (T). The background signal is reduced compared with the E14 embryo. In the young adult mouse (C-D), positive signals are present over the heart (Ha) and adipose tissue (Fa) around the thoracic cage, while, for example, the lungs (Lu) are unlabeled). The hybridisation signal over the heart is evenly distributed over the entire left ventricle, including papillary muscles (D). In the E17 heart hybridised with an excess of cold probe, no positive signal is present (E). Scale bars = 0.5 mm (A), 1.2 mm (B), 1 mm (C), 0.3 mm (D), 0.1 mm (E).

Figure 15 Dark - (A and C) and bright-field (B and D) micrographs showing mVRF mRNA expression in mouse adipose tissue (A-B) and spinal cord (C-D). A strong hybridisation signal is present over fat (A), as shown by the strong labeling in Sudan black stained sections (B). A weak signal is present also in skeletal muscle (M in A-B).

- 5 In the adult spinal cord (C) the mVRF probes gave a neuronal staining pattern over the gray matter. Toluidine counterstaining showing that motoneurons in the ventral horn (D), interneurons in the deep part of the dorsal horn and around the central canal (not shown) where largely positive for mVRF mRNA. Scale bars = 0.1 mm (A), 0.1 mm (B), 0.25 mm (C), 0.015 mm (D).

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TABLE 1
SUMMARY OF SEQUENCE IDENTITY NUMBERS

15	SEQ ID NO:1	Nucleotide sequence of VEGF ₁₆₅
	SEQ ID NO:2	Amino acid sequence of VEGF ₁₆₅
	SEQ ID NO:3	Nucleotide sequence of SOM175 (VEGF-like molecules)
	SEQ ID NO:4	Amino acid sequence of SOM175
	SEQ ID NO:5	Nucleotide sequence of SOM175 absent exon 6
20	SEQ ID NO:6	Amino acid sequence of SOM175 absent exon 6
	SEQ ID NO:7	Nucleotide sequence of SOM175 absent exon 6 and exon 7
	SEQ ID NO:8	Amino acid sequence of SOM175 absent exon 6 and exon 7
	SEQ ID NO:9	Nucleotide sequence of SOM175 absent exon 4
	SEQ ID NO:10	Amino acid sequence of SOM175 absent exon 4
25	SEQ ID NO:11	Oligonucleotide
	SEQ ID NO:12	Oligonucleotide
	SEQ ID NO:13	Oligonucleotide
	SEQ ID NO:14	Oligonucleotide

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EXAMPLE 1

Human cDNA clones

The original SOM175 cDNA was isolated by screening a human foetal brain library
5 (λzapII, Stratagene) with the cosmid D11S750 (Larsson *et al*, 1992). The plasmid was
excised "*in vivo*" and a single 1.1kb cDNA was obtained. Three independent SOM175
cDNAs clones were also isolated from a human foetal spleen library (Stratagene, Uni-
zap) using the above-mentioned SOM175 insert as a probe. Three clones were obtained:
SOM175-4A, -5A and -6A. SOM175-5A is an alternately spliced clone with exon 4
10 being absent (SOM175-e4). These library screens were performed using hybridisation
conditions recommended by the manufacturer of the library (Stratagene) and random
primed insert of SOM175.

Two partial human SOM175 cDNAs have also isolated from a λGT11 human melanoma
15 cell line A2058 library (Clontech) cDNA library screens were performed using
hybridisation conditions described by Church and Gilbert, 1984). In each case, the
probe was generated by random priming of a PCR product derived from SOM175 (18f-
700r).

20 Mouse cDNA Clones

Human SOM175 was also used to screen a mouse neonatal whole brain cDNA library
(Unizap, Stratagene). Four non-chimeric clones were isolated: M175-A, B, C, D. All
clones were partial cDNAs and M175-C contained several introns. Three of these
cDNAs lacked the exon 6.

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Another clone referred to as M1 was completely sequenced and was found to contain
the full open reading frame plus part of the 5'utr and total 3'utr.

EXAMPLE 2

DNA SEQUENCE ANALYSIS

- The entire sequence of the cDNA clone (SOM175) was compiled and is shown in Figure 2 with its corresponding amino acid sequence. This sequence was screened for open reading frames using the MAP program (GCG, University of Wisconsin). A single open reading frame of 672bp was observed (see Figure 2). There appears to be little 5' untranslated sequences (2bp). The 3' untranslated region appears to be complete as it includes a poly-adenylation signal and poly-A tail.
- Database homology searches were performed using the BLAST algorithm (run at NCBI, USA). This analysis revealed homology to several mammalian forms of VEGF (see Figure 3). The amount of homology between SOM175 and human VEGF₁₆₅ was determined using the BESTFIT program (GCG, University of Wisconsin; see Figures 4 and 5). Nucleotide homology was estimated at 69.7% and protein homology was estimated as at least 33.3% identity and 52.5% conservation using BESTFIT analysis. BLAST analysis on nucleotide sequences revealed the almost complete match to a human expressed sequence tag EST06302 (Adams *et al.*, 1993).
- These data indicate that SOM175 encodes a growth factor that has structural similarities to VEGF. Both genes show start and stop codons in similar positions and share discrete blocks of homology. All 8 cysteines as well as a number of other VEGF residues believed to be involved in dimerisation are conserved. These residues are Cysteine-47, Proline-70, Cysteine-72, Valine-74, Arginine-77, Cysteine-78, Glycine-80, Cysteine-81, Cysteine-82, Cysteine-89, Proline-91, Cysteine-122 and Cysteine-124 and are shown in Figure 6. Given the structural conservation between VEGF and the SOM175 gene product it is also possible that they share functional similarities. It is proposed that SOM175 encodes a VEGF-like molecule that shares some properties with VEGF but has unique properties of its own. The nucleotide sequence and corresponding amino acid sequence of VEGF₁₆₅ is shown in Figure 1.

EXAMPLE 3

The percentage similarity and divergence between VEGF₁₆₅ family and SOM175 family (protein) were analysed using the Clustal method, MegAlign Software, DNASTAR, Wisconsin. The results are shown in Tables 2.1 and 2.2. The alternatively spliced forms of SOM175 are abbreviated to SOM715-e6 where all of exon 6 is deleted; SOM715-e6 and 7 where all of exons 6 and 7 are deleted; and SOM175-e4 where all of exon 4 is deleted. The spliced form of SOM175 are shown in Figure 7. Genomic maps of SOM175 showing intron/exon boundaries are shown in Figure 8a and 8b.

Table 2.1

A Percent nucleotide similarity between splice variants of SOM175 and human VEGF₁₆₅

	VEGF ₁₆₅	SOM175	SOM175-e6	SOM175-e6&7	SOM175-e4
VEGF ₁₆₅	***	34.9	39.7	41.4	37.0
SOM175		***	98.9	95.1	99.2
SOM175-e6			***	98.8	84.0
SOM175-e6&7				***	80.3
SOM175-e4					***

B Percent nucleotide divergence between splice variants of SOM175 and human VEGF₁₆₅

5		VEGF ₁₆₅	SOM175	SOM175-e6	SOM175-e6&7	SOM175-e4
	VEGF ₁₆₅	***	41.7	41.6	41.7	41.8
	SOM175		***	0.2	0.2	0.0
	SOM175-e6			***	0.0	0.2
10	SOM175-e6&7				***	0.3
	SOM175-e4					***

Table 2.2

15 A Percent amino acid identity between splice variants of SOM175 and human VEGF₁₆₅

		VEGF ₁₆₅	SOM175	SOM175-e6	SOM175-e6&7	SOM175-e4
20	VEGF ₁₆₅	***	31.4	42.3	33.5	40.6
	SOM175		***	74.7	73.7	99.1
	SOM175-e6			***	76.8	99.1
	SOM175-e6&7				***	99.1
	SOM175-e4					***
25						

B Percent amino acid divergence between splice variants of SOM175 and human VEGF₁₆₅

5		VEGF ₁₆₅	SOM175	SOM175-e6	SOM175-e6&7	SOM175-e4
	VEGF ₁₆₅	***	65.7	55.4	54.6	57.4
	SOM175		***	19.9	4.2	0.0
	SOM175-e6			***	0.0	0.0
10	SOM175-e6&7				***	0.0
	SOM175-e4					***

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EXAMPLE 4

BIOASSAYS TO DETERMINE THE FUNCTION OF SOM175

Assays are conducted to evaluate whether SOM175 has similar activities to VEGF on endothelial cell function, angiogenesis and wound healing. Other assays are performed based on the results of receptor binding distribution studies.

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Assays of endothelial cell function

Endothelial cell proliferation. Endothelial cell growth assays as described in Ferrara & Henzel (1989) and in Gospodarowicz *et al* (1989).

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Vascular permeability assay. This assay, which utilises the Miles test in guinea pigs, will be performed as described in Miles & Miles (1952).

Cell adhesion assay. The influence of SOM175 on adhesion of polymorphs to endothelial cells is analysed.

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Chemotaxis. This is performed using the standard Boyden chamber chemotaxis assay.

Plasminogen activator assay. Endothelial cells are tested for plasminogen activator and plasminogen activator inhibitor production upon addition of SOM175 (Pepper *et al* (1991)).

- 5 *Endothelial cell migration assay.* The ability of SOM175 to stimulate endothelial cells to migrate and form tubes is assayed as described in Montesano *et al* (1986).

Angiogenesis Assay

- SOM175 induction of an angiogenic response in chick chorioallantoic membrane is
10 evaluated as described in Leung *et al* (1989).

Possible neurotrophic actions of SOM175 are assessed using the following assays:

Neurite outgrowth assay and gene induction (PC12 cells)

- 15 PC12 cells (a pheochromocytoma cell line) respond to NGF and other neurotrophic factors by developing the characteristics of sympathetic neurons, including the induction of early and late genes and the extension of neurites. These cells are exposed to SOM175 and their response monitored (Drinkwater *et al* (1991); and Drinkwater *et al* (1993)).

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Cultured neurons from the Peripheral Nervous System (PNS)

Primary cultures of the following PNS neurons are exposed to SOM175 and monitored for any response:

- 25
 - sensory neurons from neural crest and dorsal root ganglia
 - sympathetic neurons from sympathetic chain ganglia
 - placode derived sensory neurons from nodose ganglia
 - motoneurons from spinal cord

The assays are described in Suter *et al* (1992) and in Marinou *et al* (1992).

- 30 Where an *in vitro* response is observed, *in vivo* assays for properties such as uptake and retrograde transport are performed as described in Hendry *et al* (1992).

Nerve regeneration (PNS)

Where neurotrophic effects of SOM175 are observed, its possible role in the regeneration of axotomised sensory neurons, sympathetic neurons and motoneurons is analysed by the methods of Otto *et al* (1989); Yip *et al* (1984) and Hendry *et al* 5 (1976).

Actions of SOM175 on CNS neurons

The ability of SOM175 to promote survival of central nervous system neurons is analysed as described in Hagg *et al* (1992); Williams *et al* (1986); Hefti (1986) and 10 Kromer (1987).

Wound Healing

The ability of SOM175 to support wound healing are tested in the most clinically relevant model available, as described in Schilling *et al* (1959) and utilised by Hunt 15 *et al* (1967).

The Haemopoietic System

A variety of *in vitro* and *in vivo* assays on specific cell populations of the haemopoietic system are available and are outlined below:

20 *Stem Cells*

Murine

A variety of novel *in vitro* murine stem cell assays have been developed using FACS-purified cells:

(a) Repopulating Stem Cells

25 These are cells capable of repopulating the bone marrow of lethally irradiated mice, and have the Lin⁻, Rh^{hi}, Ly-6A/E⁺, c-kit⁺ phenotype. The test substance is tested on these cells either alone, or by co-incubation with multiple factors, followed by measurement of cellular proliferation by ³H thymidine incorporation.

(b) Late Stage Stem Cells

- These are cells that have comparatively little bone marrow repopulating ability but can generate D13 CFU-S. These cells have the Lin⁻, Rh^{hi}, Ly-6A/E⁺, c-kit⁺ phenotype. The test substance is incubated with these cells for a period of time, injected into lethally irradiated recipients, and the number of D13 spleen colonies enumerated.

(c) Progenitor-Enriched Cells

- These are cells that respond *in vitro* to single growth factors, and have the Lin⁻, Rh^{hi}, Ly-6A/E⁺, c-kit⁺ phenotype. This assay will show if SOM175 can act directly on haemopoietic progenitor cells. The test substance is incubated with these cells in agar cultures, and the number of colonies enumerated after 7-14 days.

15 Atherosclerosis

- Smooth muscle cells play a crucial role in the development or initiation of atherosclerosis, requiring a change in their phenotype from a contractile to a synthetic state. Macrophages, endothelial cells, T lymphocytes and platelets all play a role in the development of atherosclerotic plaques by influencing the growth and phenotypic modulations of smooth muscle cell. An *in vitro* assay that measures the proliferative rate and phenotypic modulations of smooth muscle cells in a multicellular environment is used to assess the effect of SOM175 on smooth muscle cells. The system uses a modified Rose chamber in which different cell types are seeded onto opposite coverslips.

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Effects of SOM175 on bone

- The ability of SOM175 to regulate proliferation of osteoblasts is assayed as described in Lowe *et al* (1991). Any effects on bone resorption are assayed as described in Lowe *et al* (1991). Effects on osteoblast migration and changes in intracellular molecules (e.g. cAMP accumulation, alkaline phosphatase levels) are analysed as described in Midy *et al* (1994).

Effects on skeletal muscle cells

Effects of SOM175 on proliferation of myoblasts and development of myotubes can be determined as described by Ewton *et al* (1980) and by Gospodarowicz *et al* (1976).

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EXAMPLE 5

CLONING MURINE VEGF DNA

Isolation of cDNAs

Murine VRF (mVRF) clones were selected from a lambda Zap new born whole brain
10 cDNA library (Stratagene). Primary phage from high density filters (5×10^4
pfu/plate) were identified by hybridisation with a 682bp ^{32}P -labelled probe generated
by PCR from an hVRF cDNA (pSOM175) as described above. Hybridisation and
stringent washes of nylon membranes (Hybond-N) were carried out at 65°C under
conditions described by Church and Gilbert (1984). Positive plaques were picked,
15 purified and excised *in vivo* to produce bacterial colonies containing cDNA clones in
pBluescript SK-.

Isolation of genomic clones

Genomic clones were isolated from a mouse strain SV/129 library cloned in the
20 lambda Fix II vector (Stratagene). High density filters (5×10^4 pfu/filter) were
screened with a 563 bp ^{32}P -labelled probe generated by PCR amplification of the
nucleotide 233-798 region of the mVRF cDNA (see Figure 9). Positive clones were
plugged and re-screened with filters containing 400-800 pfu. Large scale phage
preparations were prepared using the QIAGEN lambda kit or by ZnCl_2 purification
25 (Santos, 1991).

Nucleotide sequencing and analysis

cDNAs were sequenced on both strands using a variety of vector-based and internal
primers with Applied Biosystems Incorporated (ABI) dye terminator sequencing kits
30 according to the manufacturer's specifications. Sequences were analysed on an ABI
Model 373A automated DNA sequencer. Peptide homology alignments were
performed using the program BESTFIT (GCG, Wisconsin).

Identification of intron/exon boundaries

Identification of exon boundaries and flanking regions was carried out using PCR with mouse genomic DNA or mVRF genomic lambda clones as templates. The primers used in PCR to identify introns were derived from the hVRF sequence and to
5 allow for potential human-mouse sequence mismatches annealing temperatures 5-10°C below the estimated T_m were used. All PCR products were sized by agarose gel electrophoresis and gel purified using QIAquick spin columns (Qiagen) and the intron/exon boundaries were sequenced directly from these products. In addition, some splice junctions were sequenced from subcloned genomic fragments of MVRF.
10 Intron/exon boundaries were identified by comparing cDNA and genomic DNA sequences.

Northern analysis

Total cellular RNA was prepared from a panel of fresh normal adult mouse tissues
15 (brain, kidney, liver, muscle) using the method of Chomczynski and Sacchi (1987). 20µg of total RNA were electrophoresed, transferred to a nylon membrane (Hybond N, Amersham) and hybridised under standard conditions (Church & Gilbert, 1984). Filters were washed at 65°C in 0.1xSSC (20xSSC is 3M NaCl/0.3M trisodium citrate), 0.1% SDS and exposed to X-ray film with intensifying screens at -70°C for
20 1-3 days.

Characterisation of mVRF cDNAs

Murine VRF homologues were isolated by screening a murine cDNA library with an hVRF cDNA clone. Five clones of sizes varying from 0.8-1.5 kb were recovered
25 and sequenced. The cDNA sequences were compiled to give a full length 1041 bp cDNA sequence covering the entire open reading frame (621 bp or 564 bp depending on the splice form, see below) and 3' UTR (379 bp), as well as 163 bp of the 5' UTR (Figure 9).

30 The predicted initiation codon matched the position of the start codon in hVRF. One other out of frame ATG was located at position -47 and two termination codons were observed upstream (positions -9 and -33, respectively) and in-frame with the putative

initiation codon.

The predicted N-terminal signal peptide of hVRF appears to be present in mVRF with 81% identity (17/21 amino acids). Peptide cleavage within mVRF is expected to occur after residue 21 (Figure 10). These data suggest that mature mVRF is secreted and could therefore conceivably function as a growth factor.

As with hVRF, two open reading frames (ORFs) were detected in cDNAs isolated by library screening. Four of five clones were found to be alternatively spliced and lacked a 101 bp fragment homologous to exon 6 of hVRF. The predicted peptide sequences of the two isoforms of mVRF were determined and aligned with the corresponding human isoforms (Figure 10).

The message encoding mVRF₁₈₆ contains a 621 bp ORF with coding sequences terminating at position +622, towards the end of exon 7 (Figure 9). The smaller message encoding mVRF₁₆₇ actually terminates downstream of the +622 TAG site due to a frame shift resulting from splicing out of the 101 bp exon 6 and the introduction of a stop codon (TGA) at position +666, near the beginning of exon 8 (Figure 9).

The mVRF₁₈₆ protein has strong homology to the amino and central portions of VEGF while the carboxyl end is completely divergent and is alanine rich. mVRF₁₆₇ possesses these similarities and also maintains homology to mVEGF right through to the C-terminus (Figure 11). The overall homology of mVRF₁₆₇ to hVRF₁₆₇ was 85% identity and 92% similarity, respectively (Figure 10). Likewise, homology between mVRF₁₆₇ and mVEGF (Breier *et al*, 1992) was 49% identity and 71% conservative amino acid substitution, respectively (Figure 11).

A canonical vertebrate polyadenylation signal (AATAAA) (Birnstiel *et al*, 1986) was not present in the mVRF cDNA, however, the closely matching sequence GATAAA is present at similar positions in both mouse and human VRF cDNAs (Figure 9). In contrast to hVRF, mVRF was found to contain an AC dinucleotide repeat at the

extreme 3' end of the 3' UTR (nucleotide positions 998 to 1011, Figure 9). Polymorphism of this repeat region was observed between some of the mVRF cDNAs, with the number of dinucleotides varying from 7 to 11.

5 Genomic characterisation of mVRF

Intron/exon boundaries (Table 3) were mapped using primers which flanked sequences homologous to the corresponding hVRF boundaries. Introns I, III, IV and VI of mVRF (Table 3, Figure 12) were smaller than the hVRF intervening sequences. The complete genomic sequence was compiled from the 5' UTR of mVRF through to intron VI, the largest intervening region (2.2 kb), by sequencing amplified introns and cloned genomic portions of mVRF. There was only one major difference in genomic structure between mVRF and hVRF and that was the exon 7/intron VI boundary of mVRF was located 10bp further downstream in relation to the cDNA sequence, hence exon 7 in mVRF is 10bp longer than the corresponding exon in hVRF.

Exons 6 and 7 are contiguous in mVRF, as has been found to occur in the human homologue. The strong sequence homology between exon 6 of mVRF and hVRF (Figure 10) suggests that this sequence is not a retained intronic sequence but rather encodes a functional part of the VRF₁₈₆ isoform.

General intron/exon structure is conserved between the various members of the VEGF gene family (VEGF, PIGF, hVRF) and therefore it is not surprising that the overall genomic organisation of the mVRF gene is very similar to these genes (Figure 12).

Previous comparative mapping studies have shown that the region surrounding the human multiple endocrine neoplasia type 1 disease locus on chromosome 11q13 is syntenic with the proximal segment of mouse chromosome 19 (Rochelle *et al*, 1992). Since the inventors have mapped the hVRF gene to within 1kb of the human *MEN1* locus (see above) it is most likely that the murine VRF gene maps near the centromere of chromosome 19.

Expression studies of mVRF

Northern analysis of RNA from adult mouse tissues (muscle, heart, lung and liver) showed that expression appears to be ubiquitous and occurs primarily as a major band of approximately 1.3kb in size (Figure 14). This is somewhat different to the pattern observed for hVRF in which two major bands of 2.0 and 5.5 kb have been identified in all tissues examined. The 1.3 kb murine message presumably corresponds to the shorter of the human transcripts and the size variation thereof is most likely due to a difference in the length of the respective 5' UTRs.

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EXAMPLE 6

EXPRESSION OF MURINE VEGF IN PRE- AND POST-NATAL MOUSE

Animals

Timed pregnant (n=4) and young adult (n=2) mice (C57 inbred strain, ALAB, Sweden) were sacrificed with carbon dioxide, and the relevant tissues were taken out and frozen on a chuck. Tissues were kept at -70°C until further use. Two gestational ages was used in this study; embryonic day 8 (E8), 14 and E17.

In situ hybridisation histochemistry

In situ hybridisation was performed as previously described (Dagerlind *et al*, 1992). Briefly, transverse sections (14µm) were cut in a cryostat (Microm, Germany), thawed onto Probe-On slides (Fisher Scientific, USA) and stored in black sealed boxes at -70°C until used. The sequences of the synthetic 42-mer oligonucleotides complementary to mRNA encoding mVRF were ACCACCACCTCCCTGGGCTGGCATGTGGCACGTGCATAAACG [SEQ ID NO:11] (complementary to nt 120-161) and AGTTGTTTGACCACATTGCCCCATGAGTTCCATGCTCAGAGGC [SEQ ID NO:12] (complementary to nt 162-203). To detect the two alternative splice forms oligonucleotide GATCCTGGGGCTGGAGTGGGATGGATGATGTCAGCTGG [SEQ ID NO:13] (complementary to nt xxx-xxx) and GCGGGCAGAGGATCCTGGGGCTGTCTGGCCTCACAGCACT [SEQ ID NO:14] were used. The probes were labeled at the 3'-end with deoxyadenosine-alpha[thio]triphosphate [³⁵S] (NEN, USA) using terminal deoxynucleotidyl

transferase (IBI, USA) to a specific activity of $7-10 \times 10^8$ cpm/ μ g and hybridised to the sections without pretreatment for 16-18 h at 42°C. The hybridisation mixture contained: 50% v/v formamide, 4 x SSC (1 x SSC = 0.15M NaCl and 0.015M sodium-citrate), 1 x Denhardt's solution (0.02% each of polyvinyl-pyrrolidone, BSA and Ficoll), 1% v/v sarcosyl (N-lauroylsarcosine; Sigma), 0.02M phosphate buffer (pH 7.0), 10% w/v dextran sulfate (Pharmacia, Sweden), 250 μ g/ml yeast tRNA (Sigma), 500 μ g/ml sheared and heat denatured salmon sperm DNA (Sigma) and 200mM dithiothreitol (DTT; LKB, Sweden). In control sections, the specificity of both probes was checked by adding a 20-fold excess of unlabeled probe to the hybridisation mixture. In addition, adjacent sections were hybridised with a probe unrelated to this study which gave a different expression pattern. Following hybridisation the sections were washed several times in 1 x SSC at 55°C, dehydrated in ethanol and dipped in NTB2 nuclear track emulsion (Kodak, USA). After 3-5 weeks the sections were development in D-19 developer (Kodak, USA) and cover-slipped. In some cases, sections were opposed to an autoradiographic film (Beta-max autoradiography film Amersham Ltd, UK) prior to emulsion-dipping.

The four different probes gave identical hybridisation patterns in all tissues examined. Mouse VRF expression was detecting already in the E8 embryo, in which positive signal was recorded over structures most likely corresponding to the neuronal tube. In sagittal sections of E14 mouse embryo the strongest hybridisation signal was present over heart and in the nervous system, especially cerebral cortex (Figure 14A). A low level of expression was present in all other tissues. At a later gestational age, E17, a high mVRF mRNA signal was confined to the heart and brown fat tissue in the back and around the neck (Figure 14B). Clearly positive hybridisation signals were present in the gray of the spinal cord and in the tongue (Figure 14B). Expression in the cerebral cortex was clearly reduced compared to day 14. The weak background expression seen in the E14 embryo in for example muscle, had decreased at this gestational age. A strong mVRF mRNA hybridisation signal was present solely over the heart and in the brown fat in the young adult mice (Figure 14C). The signal over the heart was evenly distributed over the entire ventricular wall, including the papillary muscles (Figure 14D). In sections of heart tissue hybridised with an

excess of cold probe, no specific labeling over background signal was recorded (Figure 14E).

Apart from the heart, mVRF mRNA signal was present over certain tissues on the
 5 outside of the thoracic cage that morphologically resembled brown fat. This was
 verified with sudan black counterstaining, which showed a strong staining in the
 same areas (Figure 15A and 15B). In transverse sections of adult mouse spinal cord,
 the mVRF probes gave a neuronal staining pattern over the gray matter (Figure 15C).
 Counterstaining with toluidine (Figure 15D) showed that motoneurons in the ventral
 10 horn (Figure 15C and 15D), interneurons (Figure 15C) in the deep part of the dorsal
 horn and around the central canal where to a large extent positive for mVRF mRNA.

Those skilled in the art will appreciate that the invention described herein is
 susceptible to variations and modifications other than those specifically described. It
 15 is to be understood that the invention includes all such variations and modifications.
 The invention also includes all of the steps, features, compositions and compounds
 referred to or indicated in this specification, individually or collectively, and any and
 all combinations of any two or more of said steps or features.

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TABLE 3

Splice junctions of the murine VRF gene

5' UTR*.....	Exon 1	>223bp	CCCAGgtacgtgcgt	Intron I	495bp
ttccccacagGCCCC	Exon 2	43bp	GAAAGgtaataatag	Intron II	288bp
ctgccacagTGGTG	Exon 3	197bp	TGCAGgtaccagggc	Intron III	196bp
ctgagcacagATCCT	Exon 4	74bp	TGCAGgtgccagccc	Intron IV	182bp
ctcttttcagACCTA	Exon 5	36bp	GACAGattcttggtg	Intron V	191bp
ctcctcctagGGTTG	Exon 6	101bp		(no intron)	
CCCACTCCAGCCCCA	Exon 7	135bp	TGTAGgtaaggagtc	Intron VI	-2200bp
cactccccagGTGCC	Exon 8	394bp	AGAGATGGAGACACT		

Uppercase and lowercase letters denote exonic and intronic sequences respectively.

* Indicates that the 5' end of exon 1 has not yet been determined.

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

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Met	Ser	Pro	Leu	Leu	Arg	Arg	Leu	Leu	Leu	Ala	Ala	Leu	Leu	Gln	Leu	1	5	10	15
Ala	Pro	Ala	Gln	Ala	Pro	Val	Ser	Gln	Pro	Asp	Ala	Pro	Gly	His	Gln	20	25	30	
Arg	Lys	Val	Val	Ser	Trp	Ile	Asp	Val	Tyr	Thr	Arg	Ala	Thr	Cys	Gln	35	40	45	
Pro	Arg	Glu	Val	Val	Val	Pro	Leu	Thr	Val	Glu	Leu	Met	Gly	Thr	Val	50	55	60	
Ala	Lys	Gln	Leu	Val	Pro	Ser	Cys	Val	Thr	Val	Gln	Arg	Cys	Gly	Gly	65	70	75	80
Cys	Cys	Pro	Asp	Asp	Gly	Leu	Glu	Cys	Val	Pro	Thr	Gly	Gln	His	Gln	85	90	95	
Val	Arg	Met	Gln	Ile	Leu	Met	Ile	Arg	Tyr	Pro	Ser	Ser	Gln	Leu	Gly	100	105	110	
Glu	Met	Ser	Leu	Glu	Glu	His	Ser	Gln	Cys	Glu	Cys	Arg	Pro	Lys	Lys	115	120	125	
Lys	Asp	Ser	Ala	Val	Lys	Pro	Asp	Arg	Ala	Ala	Thr	Pro	His	His	Arg	130	135	140	
Pro	Gln	Pro	Arg	Ser	Val	Pro	Gly	Trp	Asp	Ser	Ala	Pro	Gly	Ala	Pro	145	150	155	160
Ser	Pro	Ala	Asp	Ile	Thr	His	Pro	Thr	Pro	Ala	Pro	Gly	Pro	Ser	Ala	165	170	175	
His	Ala	Ala	Pro	Ser	Thr	Thr	Ser	Ala	Leu	Thr	Pro	Gly	Pro	Ala	Ala	180	185	190	
Ala	Ala	Ala	Asp	Ala	Ala	Ala	Ser	Ser	Val	Ala	Lys	Gly	Gly	Ala	195	200	205		

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:5:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 993 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA

- (ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 3..566

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:5:

CC ATG AGC CCT CTG CTC CGC CGC CTG CTG CTC GCC GCA CTC CTG CAG	47
Met Ser Pro Leu Leu Arg Arg Leu Leu Leu Ala Ala Leu Leu Gln	
1 5 10 15	
CTG GCC CCC GCC CAG GCC CCT GTC TCC CAG CCT GAT GCC CCT GGC CAC	95
Leu Ala Pro Ala Gln Ala Pro Val Ser Gln Pro Asp Ala Pro Gly His	
20 25 30	
CAG AGG AAA GTG GTG TCA TGG ATA GAT GTG TAT ACT CGC GCT ACC TGC	143
Gln Arg Lys Val Val Ser Trp Ile Asp Val Tyr Thr Arg Ala Thr Cys	
35 40 45	
CAG CCC CGG GAG GTG GTG GTG CCC TTG ACT GTG GAG CTC ATG GGC ACC	191
Gln Pro Arg Glu Val Val Val Pro Leu Thr Val Glu Leu Met Gly Thr	
50 55 60	
GTG GCC AAA CAG CTG GTG CCC AGC TGC GTG ACT GTG CAG CGC TGT GGT	239
Val Ala Lys Gln Leu Val Pro Ser Cys Val Thr Val Gln Arg Cys Gly	
65 70 75	
GGC TGC TGC CCT GAC GAT GGC CTG GAG TGT GTG CCC ACT GGG CAG CAC	287
Gly Cys Cys Pro Asp Asp Gly Leu Glu Cys Val Pro Thr Gly Gln His	
80 85 90 95	
CAA GTC CGG ATG CAG ATC CTC ATG ATC CGG TAC CCG AGC AGT CAG CTG	335
Gln Val Arg Met Gln Ile Leu Met Ile Arg Tyr Pro Ser Ser Gln Leu	
100 105 110	
GGG GAG ATG TCC CTG GAA GAA CAC AGC CAG TGT GAA TGC AGA CCT AAA	383
Gly Glu Met Ser Leu Glu Glu His Ser Gln Cys Glu Cys Arg Pro Lys	
115 120 125	
AAA AAG GAC AGT GCT GTG AAG CCA GAT AGC CCC AGG CCC CTC TGC CCA	431
Lys Lys Asp Ser Ala Val Lys Pro Asp Ser Pro Arg Pro Leu Cys Pro	
130 135 140	

CGC TGC ACC CAG CAC CAC CAG CGC CCT GAC CCC CGG ACC TGC CGC TGC	479
Arg Cys Thr Gln His His Gln Arg Pro Asp Pro Arg Thr Cys Arg Cys	
145 150 155	
CGC TGC CGA CGC CGC AGC TTC CTC CGT TGC CAA GGG CGG GGC TTA GAG	527
Arg Cys Arg Arg Arg Ser Phe Leu Arg Cys Gln Gly Arg Gly Leu Glu	
160 165 170 175	
CTC AAC CCA GAC ACC TGC AGG TGC CGG AAG CTG CGA AGG TGACACATGG	576
Leu Asn Pro Asp Thr Cys Arg Cys Arg Lys Leu Arg Arg	
180 185	
CTTTTCAGAC TCAGCAGGGT GACTTGCCCTC AGAGGCTATA TCCCAGTGGG GGAACAAAGG	636
GGAGCCTGGT AAAAAACAGC CAAGCCCCCA AGACCTCAGC CCAGGCAGAA GCTGCTCTAG	696
GACCTGGGCC TCTCAGAGGG CTCTTCTGCC ATCCCTTGTC TCCCTGAGGC CATCATCAAA	756
CAGGACAGAG TTGGAAGAGG AGACTGGGAG GCAGCAAGAG GGGTCACATA CCAGCTCAGG	816
GGAGAATGGA GTACTGTCTC AGTTTCTAAC CACTCTGTGC AAGTAAGCAT CTTACAACTG	876
GCTCTTCCTC CCCTCACTAA GAAGACCCAA ACCTCTGCAT AATGGGATTT GGGCTTTGGT	936
ACAAGAACTG TGACCCCCAA CCCTGATAAA AGAGATGGAA GGAAAAAAAA AAAAAAA	993

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:6:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 188 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:6:

Met Ser Pro Leu Leu Arg Arg Leu Leu Leu Ala Ala Leu Leu Gln Leu	
1 5 10 15	
Ala Pro Ala Gln Ala Pro Val Ser Gln Pro Asp Ala Pro Gly His Gln	
20 25 30	
Arg Lys Val Val Ser Trp Ile Asp Val Tyr Thr Arg Ala Thr Cys Gln	
35 40 45	
Pro Arg Glu Val Val Val Pro Leu Thr Val Glu Leu Met Gly Thr Val	
50 55 60	
Ala Lys Gln Leu Val Pro Ser Cys Val Thr Val Gln Arg Cys Gly Gly	
65 70 75 80	

Cys	Cys	Pro	Asp	Asp	Gly	Leu	Glu	Cys	Val	Pro	Thr	Gly	Gln	His	Gln	
				85					90					95		
Val	Arg	Met	Gln	Ile	Leu	Met	Ile	Arg	Tyr	Pro	Ser	Ser	Gln	Leu	Gly	
			100					105					110			
Glu	Met	Ser	Leu	Glu	Glu	His	Ser	Gln	Cys	Glu	Cys	Arg	Pro	Lys	Lys	
		115					120					125				
Lys	Asp	Ser	Ala	Val	Lys	Pro	Asp	Ser	Pro	Arg	Pro	Leu	Cys	Pro	Arg	
	130					135					140					
Cys	Thr	Gln	His	His	Gln	Arg	Pro	Asp	Pro	Arg	Thr	Cys	Arg	Cys	Arg	
145					150					155					160	
Cys	Arg	Arg	Arg	Ser	Phe	Leu	Arg	Cys	Gln	Gly	Arg	Gly	Leu	Glu	Leu	
				165					170					175		
Asn	Pro	Asp	Thr	Cys	Arg	Cys	Arg	Lys	Leu	Arg	Arg					
			180					185								

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:7:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 858 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA

- (ix) FEATURE:
 - (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 - (B) LOCATION: 3..431

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:7:

CC ATG AGC CCT CTG CTC CGC CGC CTG CTG CTC GCC GCA CTC CTG CAG	47
Met Ser Pro Leu Leu Arg Arg Leu Leu Leu Ala Ala Leu Leu Gln	
1 5 10 15	
CTG GCC CCC GCC CAG GCC CCT GTC TCC CAG CCT GAT GCC CCT GGC CAC	95
Leu Ala Pro Ala Gln Ala Pro Val Ser Gln Pro Asp Ala Pro Gly His	
20 25 30	
CAG AGG AAA GTG GTG TCA TGG ATA GAT GTG TAT ACT CGC GCT ACC TGC	143
Gln Arg Lys Val Val Ser Trp Ile Asp Val Tyr Thr Arg Ala Thr Cys	
35 40 45	
CAG CCC CGG GAG GTG GTG GTG CCC TTG ACT GTG GAG CTC ATG GGC ACC	191
Gln Pro Arg Glu Val Val Val Pro Leu Thr Val Glu Leu Met Gly Thr	
50 55 60	

GTG GCC AAA CAG CTG GTG CCC AGC TGC GTG ACT GTG CAG CGC TGT GGT Val Ala Lys Gln Leu Val Pro Ser Cys Val Thr Val Gln Arg Cys Gly 65 70 75	239
GGC TGC TGC CCT GAC GAT GGC CTG GAG TGT GTG CCC ACT GGG CAG CAC Gly Cys Cys Pro Asp Asp Gly Leu Glu Cys Val Pro Thr Gly Gln His 80 85 90 95	287
CAA GTC CGG ATG CAG ATC CTC ATG ATC CGG TAC CCG AGC AGT CAG CTG Gln Val Arg Met Gln Ile Leu Met Ile Arg Tyr Pro Ser Ser Gln Leu 100 105 110	335
GGG GAG ATG TCC CTG GAA GAA CAC AGC CAG TGT GAA TGC AGA CCT AAA Gly Glu Met Ser Leu Glu Glu His Ser Gln Cys Glu Cys Arg Pro Lys 115 120 125	383
AAA AAG GAC AGT GCT GTG AAG CCA GAT AGG TGC CGG AAG CTG CGA AGG Lys Lys Asp Ser Ala Val Lys Pro Asp Arg Cys Arg Lys Leu Arg Arg 130 135 140	431
TGACACATGG CTTTTCAGAC TCAGCAGGGT GACTTGCCTC AGAGGCTATA TCCCAGTGGG	491
GGAACAAAGG GGAGCCTGGT AAAAAACAGC CAAGCCCCCA AGACCTCAGC CCAGGCAGAA	551
GCTGCTCTAG GACCTGGGCC TCTCAGAGGG CTCTTCTGCC ATCCCTTGTC TCCCTGAGGC	611
CATCATCAAA CAGGACAGAG TTGGAAGAGG AGACTGGGAG GCAGCAAGAG GGGTCACATA	671
CCAGCTCAGG GGAGAATGGA GTACTGTCTC AGTTTCTAAC CACTCTGTGC AAGTAAGCAT	731
CTTACAAC TGCTCTCCTC CCCTCACTAA GAAGACCCAA ACCTCTGCAT AATGGGATTT	791
GGGCTTTGGT ACAAGAACTG TGACCCCCAA CCCTGATAAA AGAGATGGAA GGAAAAAAAA	851
AAAAAAA	858

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:8:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 143 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:8:

Met	Ser	Pro	Leu	Leu	Arg	Arg	Leu	Leu	Leu	Ala	Ala	Leu	Leu	Gln	Leu	
1				5					10					15		
Ala	Pro	Ala	Gln	Ala	Pro	Val	Ser	Gln	Pro	Asp	Ala	Pro	Gly	His	Gln	
			20					25					30			
Arg	Lys	Val	Val	Ser	Trp	Ile	Asp	Val	Tyr	Thr	Arg	Ala	Thr	Cys	Gln	
			35				40					45				
Pro	Arg	Glu	Val	Val	Val	Pro	Leu	Thr	Val	Glu	Leu	Met	Gly	Thr	Val	
		50				55					60					
Ala	Lys	Gln	Leu	Val	Pro	Ser	Cys	Val	Thr	Val	Gln	Arg	Cys	Gly	Gly	
65					70					75					80	
Cys	Cys	Pro	Asp	Asp	Gly	Leu	Glu	Cys	Val	Pro	Thr	Gly	Gln	His	Gln	
				85					90					95		
Val	Arg	Met	Gln	Ile	Leu	Met	Ile	Arg	Tyr	Pro	Ser	Ser	Gln	Leu	Gly	
			100					105					110			
Glu	Met	Ser	Leu	Glu	Glu	His	Ser	Gln	Cys	Glu	Cys	Arg	Pro	Lys	Lys	
		115					120					125				
Lys	Asp	Ser	Ala	Val	Lys	Pro	Asp	Arg	Cys	Arg	Lys	Leu	Arg	Arg		
		130				135					140					

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:9:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 910 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA

- (ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 3..305

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:9:

CC ATG AGC CCT CTG CTC CGC CGC CTG CTG CTC GCC GCA CTC CTG CAG	47
Met Ser Pro Leu Leu Arg Arg Leu Leu Leu Ala Ala Leu Leu Gln	
1 5 10 15	
CTG GCC CCC GCC CAG GCC CCT GTC TCC CAG CCT GAT GCC CCT GGC CAC	95
Leu Ala Pro Ala Gln Ala Pro Val Ser Gln Pro Asp Ala Pro Gly His	
20 25 30	
CAG AGG AAA GTG GTG TCA TGG ATA GAT GTG TAT ACT CGC GCT ACC TGC	143
Gln Arg Lys Val Val Ser Trp Ile Asp Val Tyr Thr Arg Ala Thr Cys	
35 40 45	
CAG CCC CGG GAG GTG GTG GTG CCC TTG ACT GTG GAG CTC ATG GGC ACC	191
Gln Pro Arg Glu Val Val Val Pro Leu Thr Val Glu Leu Met Gly Thr	
50 55 60	
GTG GCC AAA CAG CTG GTG CCC AGC TGC GTG ACT GTG CAG CGC TGT GGT	239
Val Ala Lys Gln Leu Val Pro Ser Cys Val Thr Val Gln Arg Cys Gly	
65 70 75	
GGC TGC TGC CCT GAC GAT GGC CTG GAG TGT GTG CCC ACT GGG CAG CAC	287
Gly Cys Cys Pro Asp Asp Gly Leu Glu Cys Val Pro Thr Gly Gln His	
80 85 90 95	
CAA GTC CGG ATG CAG ACC TAAAAAAAAG GACAGTGCTG TGAAGCCAGA	335
Gln Val Arg Met Gln Thr	
100	
CAGGGCTGCC ACTCCCCACC ACCGTCCCCA GCCCCGTTCT GTTCCGGGCT GGGACTCTGC	395
CCCCGGAGCA CCCTCCCCAG CTGACATCAC CCATCCCCACT CCAGCCCCAG GCCCCTCTGC	455
CCACGCTGCA CCCAGCACCA CCAGCGCCCT GACCCCCGGA CCTGCCGCTG CCGCTGCCGA	515
CGCCGCAGCT TCCTCCGTTG CCAAGGGCGG GGCTTAGAGC TCAACCCAGA CACCTGCAGG	575
TGCCGGAAGC TGCGAAGGTG ACACATGGCT TTTCAGACTC AGCAGGGTGA CTTGCCTCAG	635

AGGCTATATC CCAGTGGGGA ACAAAGAGGA GCCTGGTAAA AAACAGCCAA GCCCCAAGA	695
CCTCAGCCCA GGCAGAAGCT GCTCTAGGAC CTGGGCCTCT CAGAGGGCTC TTCTGCCATC	755
CCTTGTCTCC CTGAGGCCAT CATCAAACAG GACAGAGTTG GAAGAGGAGA CTGGGAGGCA	815
GCAAGAGGGG TCACATACCA GCTCAGGGGA GAATGGAGTA CTGTCTCAGT TTCTAACCAC	875
TCTGTGCAAG TAAGCATCTT ACAACTGGCT CTTCC	910

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:10:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 101 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:10:

Met	Ser	Pro	Leu	Leu	Arg	Arg	Leu	Leu	Leu	Ala	Ala	Leu	Leu	Gln	Leu	1	5	10	15
Ala	Pro	Ala	Gln	Ala	Pro	Val	Ser	Gln	Pro	Asp	Ala	Pro	Gly	His	Gln	20	25	30	
Arg	Lys	Val	Val	Ser	Trp	Ile	Asp	Val	Tyr	Thr	Arg	Ala	Thr	Cys	Gln	35	40	45	
Pro	Arg	Glu	Val	Val	Val	Pro	Leu	Thr	Val	Glu	Leu	Met	Gly	Thr	Val	50	55	60	
Ala	Lys	Gln	Leu	Val	Pro	Ser	Cys	Val	Thr	Val	Gln	Arg	Cys	Gly	Gly	65	70	75	80
Cys	Cys	Pro	Asp	Asp	Gly	Leu	Glu	Cys	Val	Pro	Thr	Gly	Gln	His	Gln	85	90	95	
Val	Arg	Met	Gln	Thr												100			

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:11:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 42 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Oligonucleotide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:11:

ACCACCACCT CCCTGGGCTG GCATGTGGCA CGTGCATAAA CG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:12:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 42 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Oligonucleotide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:12:

AGTTGTTTGA CCACATTGCC CATGAGTTCC ATGCTCAGAG GC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:13:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 38 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Oligonucleotide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:13:

GATCCTGGGG CTGGAGTGGG ATGGATGATG TCAGCTGG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:14:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 40 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: Oligonucleotide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:14:

GCGGGCAGAG GATCCTGGGG CTGTCTGGCC TCACAGCACT

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FIGURE 1

TCGGGCCTCC GAAACC ATG AAC TTT CTG CTG TCT TGG GTG CAT TGG AGC	49
Met Asn Phe Leu Leu Ser Trp Val His Trp Ser	
1 5 10	
CTT GCC TTG CTG CTC TAC CTC CAC CAT GCC AAG TGG TCC CAG GCT GCA	97
Leu Ala Leu Leu Leu Tyr Leu His His Ala Lys Trp Ser Gln Ala Ala	
15 20 25	
CCC ATG GCA GAA GGA GGA GGG CAG AAT CAT CAC GAA GTG GTG AAG TTC	145
Pro Met Ala Glu Gly Gly Gly Gln Asn His His Glu Val Val Lys Phe	
30 35 40	
ATG GAT GTC TAT CAG CGC AGC TAC TGC CAT CCA ATC GAG ACC CTG GTG	193
Met Asp Val Tyr Gln Arg Ser Tyr Cys His Pro Ile Glu Thr Leu Val	
45 50 55	
GAC ATC TTC CAG GAG TAC CCT GAT GAG ATC GAG TAC ATC TTC AAG CCA	241
Asp Ile Phe Gln Glu Tyr Pro Asp Glu Ile Glu Tyr Ile Phe Lys Pro	
60 65 70 75	
TCC TGT GTG CCC CTG ATG CGA TGC GGG GGC TGC TGC AAT GAC GAG GGC	289
Ser Cys Val Pro Leu Met Arg Cys Gly Gly Cys Cys Asn Asp Glu Gly	
80 85 90	
CTG GAG TGT GTG CCC ACT GAG GAG TCC AAC ATC ACC ATG CAG ATT ATG	337
Leu Glu Cys Val Pro Thr Glu Glu Ser Asn Ile Thr Met Gln Ile Met	
95 100 105	
CGG ATC AAA CCT CAC CAA GGC CAG CAC ATA GGA GAG ATG AGC TTC CTA	385
Arg Ile Lys Pro His Gln Gly Gln His Ile Gly Glu Met Ser Phe Leu	
110 115 120	
CAG CAC AAC AAA TGT GAA TGC AGA CCA AAG AAA GAT AGA GCA AGA CAA	433
Gln His Asn Lys Cys Glu Cys Arg Pro Lys Lys Asp Arg Ala Arg Gln	
125 130 135	
GAA AAT CCC TGT GGG CCT TGC TCA GAG CGG AGA AAG CAT TTG TTT GTA	481
Glu Asn Pro Cys Gly Pro Cys Ser Glu Arg Arg Lys His Leu Phe Val	
140 145 150 155	
CAA GAT CCG CAG ACG TGT AAA TGT TCC TGC AAA AAC ACA GAC TCG CGT	529
Gln Asp Pro Gln Thr Cys Lys Cys Ser Cys Lys Asn Thr Asp Ser Arg	
160 165 170	
TGC AAG GCG AGG CAG CTT GAG TTA AAC GAA CGT ACT TGC AGA TGT GAC	577
Cys Lys Ala Arg Gln Leu Glu Leu Asn Glu Arg Thr Cys Arg Cys Asp	
175 180 185	
AAG CCG AGG CGG TGAGCCGGGC AGGAGGAAGG AGCCTCCCTC AGCGTTTCGG	629
Lys Pro Arg Arg	
190	
GAACCAGATC TCTCACCAGG	649

FIGURE 2

CC ATG AGC CCT CTG CTC CGC CGC CTG CTG CTC GCC GCA CTC CTG CAG	47
Met Ser Pro Leu Leu Arg Arg Leu Leu Leu Ala Ala Leu Leu Gln	
1 5 10 15	
CTG GCC CCC GCC CAG GCC CCT GTC TCC CAG CCT GAT GCC CCT GGC CAC	95
Leu Ala Pro Ala Gln Ala Pro Val Ser Gln Pro Asp Ala Pro Gly His	
20 25 30	
CAG AGG AAA GTG GTG TCA TGG ATA GAT GTG TAT ACT CGC GCT ACC TGC	143
Gln Arg Lys Val Val Ser Trp Ile Asp Val Tyr Thr Arg Ala Thr Cys	
35 40 45	
CAG CCC CGG GAG GTG GTG GTG CCC TTG ACT GTG GAG CTC ATG GGC ACC	191
Gln Pro Arg Glu Val Val Val Pro Leu Thr Val Glu Leu Met Gly Thr	
50 55 60	
GTG GCC AAA CAG CTG GTG CCC AGC TGC GTG ACT GTG CAG CGC TGT GGT	239
Val Ala Lys Gln Leu Val Pro Ser Cys Val Thr Val Gln Arg Cys Gly	
65 70 75	
GGC TGC TGC CCT GAC GAT GGC CTG GAG TGT GTG CCC ACT GGG CAG CAC	287
Gly Cys Cys Pro Asp Asp Gly Leu Glu Cys Val Pro Thr Gly Gln His	
80 85 90 95	
CAA GTC CGG ATG CAG ATC CTC ATG ATC CGG TAC CCG AGC AGT CAG CTG	335
Gln Val Arg Met Gln Ile Leu Met Ile Arg Tyr Pro Ser Ser Gln Leu	
100 105 110	
GGG GAG ATG TCC CTG GAA GAA CAC AGC CAG TGT GAA TGC AGA CCT AAA	383
Gly Glu Met Ser Leu Glu Glu His Ser Gln Cys Glu Cys Arg Pro Lys	
115 120 125	
AAA AAG GAC AGT GCT GTG AAG CCA GAC AGG GCT GCC ACT CCC CAC CAC	431
Lys Lys Asp Ser Ala Val Lys Pro Asp Arg Ala Ala Thr Pro His His	
130 135 140	
CGT CCC CAG CCC CGT TCT GTT CCG GGC TGG GAC TCT GCC CCC GGA GCA	479
Arg Pro Gln Pro Arg Ser Val Pro Gly Trp Asp Ser Ala Pro Gly Ala	
145 150 155	
CCC TCC CCA GCT GAC ATC ACC CAT CCC ACT CCA GCC CCA GGC CCC TCT	527
Pro Ser Pro Ala Asp Ile Thr His Pro Thr Pro Ala Pro Gly Pro Ser	
160 165 170 175	
GCC CAC GCT GCA CCC AGC ACC ACC AGC GCC CTG ACC CCC GGA CCT GCC	575
Ala His Ala Ala Pro Ser Thr Thr Ser Ala Leu Thr Pro Gly Pro Ala	
180 185 190	
GCT GCC GCT GCC GAC GCC GCA GCT TCC TCC GTT GCC AAG GGC GGG GCT T	624
Ala Ala Ala Ala Asp Ala Ala Ala Ser Ser Val Ala Lys Gly Gly Ala	
195 200 205	

FIGURE 2 (continued...)

AGAGCTCAAC CCAGACACCT GCAGGTGCCG GAAGCTGCGA AGGTCACACA TGGCTTTTCA	684
GA CTCAGAGGCT ATATCCCAGT GGGGGAACAA AGGGGAGCCT	744
GGTAAAAAAC AGCCAAGCCC CCAAGACCTC AGCCCAGGCA GAAGCTGCTC TAGGACCTGG	804
GCCTCTCAGA GGGCTCTTCT GCCATCCCTT GTCTCCCTGA GGCCATCATC AAACAGGACA	864
GAGTTGGAAG AGGAGACTGG GAGGCAGCAA GAGGGGTCAC ATACCAGCTC AGGGGAGAAT	924
GGAGTACTGT CTCAGTTTCT AACCCTCTG TGCAAGTAAG CATCTTACAA CTGGCTCTTC	984
CTCCCCTCAC TAAGAAGACC CAAACCTCTG CATAATGGGA TTTGGGCTTT GTTACAAGAA	1044
CTGTGACCCC CAACCCTGAT AAAAGAGATG GAAGGAAAAA AAAAAAAAAA	1094

FIGURE 3

>VEGF_HUMAN VEGF_HUMAN VASCULAR ENDOTHELIAL GROWTH FACTOR PRECURSOR (VEGF)
(VASCULAR 215 AA.
Length = 215

Score = 181 (92.4 bits), Expect = 6.4e-20, P = 6.4e-20
Identities = 33/75 (44%), Positives = 48/75 (64%)

Query: 31 HQRKVVSWIDVYTRATCQPREVVVPLTVELMGTVAKQLVPSCVTVQRCGGCCPDDGLECV 90
+++ VV +DVY R+ C+P E +V + E + PSCV + RCGGCC D+GLECV
Sbjct: 36 NHHEVVVKFMDVYQRSYCHPIETLVDFQEYPDEIEYIFKPSCVPLMRCGGCCNDEGLECV 95

Query: 91 PTGQHQVRMQILMIR 105
PT + + MQI+ I+
Sbjct: 96 PTEESNITMQIMRIK 110

Score = 76 (38.8 bits), Expect = 0.0011, Poisson P(2) = 9.1e-12
Identities = 12/19 (63%), Positives = 16/19 (84%)

Query: 110 QLGEMSLEEHSQCECRPKK 128
++GEMS +H+ CECRPKK
Sbjct: 116 HIGEMSFLQHKNKCECRPKK 134

Score = 72 (36.8 bits), Expect = 0.0046, Poisson P(3) = 3.6e-18
Identities = 14/21 (66%), Positives = 15/21 (71%)

Query: 202 RCQGRGLELNPDTCRCKRLRR 222
RC +R LELN TCRC K RR
Sbjct: 195 RCKARQLELNERTCRCDKPRR 215

Score = 46 (23.5 bits), Expect = 47., Poisson P(4) = 7.3e-10
Identities = 6/10 (60%), Positives = 9/10 (90%)

Query: 187 DPRTCRRCRCR 196
DP+TC+C C+
Sbjct: 181 DPQTCKCSCX 190

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Gap Weight: 3.000 Average Match: 1.000
Length Weight: 0.100 Average Mismatch: -0.900
Quality: 100.9 Length: 739
Ratio: 0.175 Gaps: 30
Percent Similarity: 69.703 Percent Identity: 69.703

28 ATGAGCCCTCTGCTCCGCGCCCTGCTGCTCGCGGCACT 67
17 ATGAACCTTCTGCT GTCT TGGGTCATGGAGCCCTGCT 56
68 TGCAGCTGGCCCCCGCCGAGGCCCTGTCTCCGAGCCCTGATGCGGCTGGG 117
57 TGCTGCTCTACCTCCACCATGCCAAGTGGTCCGAGGCTGCA CCCATGGC 105
118 CACCAGAGGA AAGTGGTG TCATGGATAGAT 147
106 AGAAGGAGGAGGGGCAGAATCATCAGGAAGTGGTGAAGTTCATG GAT 151
148 GTGTATACTGCG GCTACCTGCCAGCCCGGGAG GTGGTGGTGGCCCT 193
152 GTCTATCAGCGCAGCTA CTGCCATCCAAATCGAGACCCCTGGTGGACATCT 200
194 T...GA... CTGTGGAGCTCATGGGTCACCGTGGCCAAACAGCTGGTG 234
201 TCCAGGAGTACCCGTGATGAGATCGAGTACATCTT CAA G 238
235 CCCAGCTGCGTGAAGTGTGCAGCGCTGTGGTGGCTGCTGGCCCTGACGATGG 284
239 CCATCTCTGTGTGCCCTGTATGCGATGGGGGGGGTGTGTGCAATGACGAGGG 288
285 COTGGAGTGTGTGCCCACTGGGCAGCACCAAGTCCGGATGCAGAT 329
289 COTGGAGTGTGTGCCCACTGAGGAGTCCAACTTACCCCTGCAGATTATGG 338
330 CCTCATGATGGGTACCCGAGCGAGTCCAGC TGGGGGAGAT 368
339 GGATCAAACTTCA CCAAG GCCAGCACATAGGAGAGAT 375
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468 4 458
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FIGURE 5

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SOM175-e6 ATGAGCCCTCTGCTCCGCCGCTGCTGCTCGCCGCACTCCTGCAGCTGGCCCCCGCCAGGCCCTGTCTCCCAGCCTGA
SOM175-e6&7 ATGAGCCCTCTGCTCCGCCGCTGCTGCTCGCCGCACTCCTGCAGCTGGCCCCCGCCAGGCCCTGTCTCCCAGCCTGA
SOM175-e4 ATGAGCCCTCTGCTCCGCCGCTGCTGCTCGCCGCACTCCTGCAGCTGGCCCCCGCCAGGCCCTGTCTCCCAGCCTGA

81
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SOM175-e6 TGCCCCCTGGCCACCAGAGGAAAGTGGTGTCTATGGATAGATGTGTATACTCGCG . . . . CTACCTGC . CAGCC . CCGGGAG
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161
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SOM175-e6&7 GTGGTGGTGGCCTTGACTG . TGGAGCTCATGGGCACCGTGGCCAAAC . . AGCTGGTGGCCAG . . . . CTGCGTGACTGT
SOM175-e4 GTGGTGGTGGCCTTGACTG . TGGAGCTCATGGGCACCGTGGCCAAAC . . AGCTGGTGGCCAG . . . . CTGCGTGACTGT

241
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SOM175-e6&7 GCAGCGCTGTGGTGGCTGCTGCCCTGACGATGGCCTGGAGTGTGTGCCCCACTGGGCAGCACCAAGTCCGGATGCAGATCC
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321
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SOM175-e6 TCATGATCCGG . . . TACCCGAGCAGTCAGCTGGGGGAGATGTCCCTGGAAGAACACAGCCAGTGTGAATGCAGACCTAAA
SOM175-e6&7 TCATGATCCGG . . . TACCCGAGCAGTCAGCTGGGGGAGATGTCCCTGGAAGAACACAGCCAGTGTGAATGCAGACCTAAA
SOM175-e4 . . . . . CCTAAA

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SOM175-e6 AAAAAAGGACAGTGCTGTGAAGCCAGATAG . . . . .
SOM175-e6&7 AAAAAAGGACAGTGCTGTGAAGCCAGATAG . . . . .
SOM175-e4 AAAAAAGGACAGTGCTGTGAAGCCAGACAGGGCTGCCACTCCCCACCACCGTCCCCAGCCCCGTTCTGTTCCGGGCTGGGA

481
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SOM175-e6 . . . . . CCCCAGGCCCTCTGCCCACGCTGCACCCA
SOM175-e6&7 . . . . .
SOM175-e4 CTCTGCCCCCGGAGCACCTCCCCAGCTGACATCACCCATCCCCTCCAGCCCCAGGCCCTCTGCCCACGCTGCACCCA

561
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SOM175-e6&7 . . . . .
SOM175-e4 GCACCACCAGCGCCCTGACCCCCGGACCTGCCGCTGCCGCTGCCGACGCCGAGCTTCCCTCCGTTGCCAAGGGCGGGGCT

641
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SOM175 TAGAGCTCAACCCAGACACCTGCAGGTGCCGGAAGCTGCCAAGGTGA
SOM175-e6 TAGAGCTCAACCCAGACACCTGCAGGTGCCGGAAGCTGCCAAGGTGA
SOM175-e6&7 . . . . . GTGCCGGAAGCTGCCAAGGTGA
SOM175-e4 TAGAGCTCAACCCAGACACCTGCAGGTGCCGGAAGCTGCCAAGGTGA

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FIGURE 6

VEGF ₁₆₅	MNFLT SWVHWSLALLLYLHHAKWSQAAPMAEGGGGNHHE VVKFMDVYORSYCHIEITLVD	60
SOM175 _{short}	MSPLLRLL LAALLQAPAO APVSQPDAPGHORKVSWIDVYTRATQQRREVVM	55
VEGF ₁₆₅	IFQSYYPDEIEYIFKESCVPPLMRCGGCCNDEGLECVPT EESNITMOIMRIKPHOGQHI GEMS	121
SOM175 _{short}	LTVELMGTVAKQLVESCVTVORCGGCCPD DGLECVPT GOHOVRMOILMIIR YPSSOL GEMS	115
VEGF ₁₆₅	FLOHNKICECRPKK DRA ROENPCGPCSERRKHLF VODPOT	170
SOM175 _{short}	LEEHSQICECRPKK KDSAVKPDRAATPHHRPQPRSVPGWDSAP GAPSPADITHPTPAPGPSA	175
VEGF ₁₆₅	CKCSCKNTDSRCKAROLELNERTCRCDKPRR	191
SOM175 _{short}	HAAPSTTSALTPGPAAAAADAAASSVAKGGA	207
OT...		
VEGF ₁₆₅	MNFLT SWVHWSLALLLYLHHAKWSQAAPMAEGGGGNHHE VVKFMDVYORSYCHIEITLVD	60
SOM175 _{long}	MSPLLRLL LAALLQAPAO APVSQPDAPGHORKVSWIDVYTRATQQRREVVM	55
VEGF ₁₆₅	IFQSYYPDEIEYIFKESCVPPLMRCGGCCNDEGLECVPT EESNITMOIMRIKPHOGQHI GEMS	121
SOM175 _{long}	LTVELMGTVAKQLVESCVTVORCGGCCPD DGLECVPT GOHOVRMOILMIIR YPSSOL GEMS	115
VEGF ₁₆₅	FLOHNKICECRPKK DRA ROENP	170
SOM175 _{long}	LEEHSQICECRPKK KDSAVKPDRAATPHHRPQPRSVPGWDSAP GAPSPADITHPTPAPGPL	177
VEGF ₁₆₅	GPCSERRKHLFVODPOTCKCSCKNTDS RCKAROLELNERTCRCDKPRR	191
SOM175 _{long}	PRGTOHHQR PDPRTCRCRCRRRSFLRCGRGLEENPDTCRCRKLRR	222

Areas of 100% homology are boxed and conserved residues thought to be involved in homodimerisation are underlined. The VEGF sequence depicted includes the 26 amino acid leader sequence (removal of which gives rise to mature VEGF₁₆₅) giving a total length of 191 amino acids.

Homology of SOM175 to VEGF₁₆₅ is 27% (33%) at the protein level, however within this are blocks of 100% homology. In particular, many structural residues are conserved including those thought to be involved in homodimerisation of VEGF (by comparison with PDGF).

ie. Cysteine-47

Proline-70, Cysteine-72, Valine-74

Arginine-77, Cysteine-78, Glycine-80, Cysteines-81 & 82

Cysteine-89, Proline-91

Cysteines 122 & 124

Splice variants of SOM175

FIGURE 7

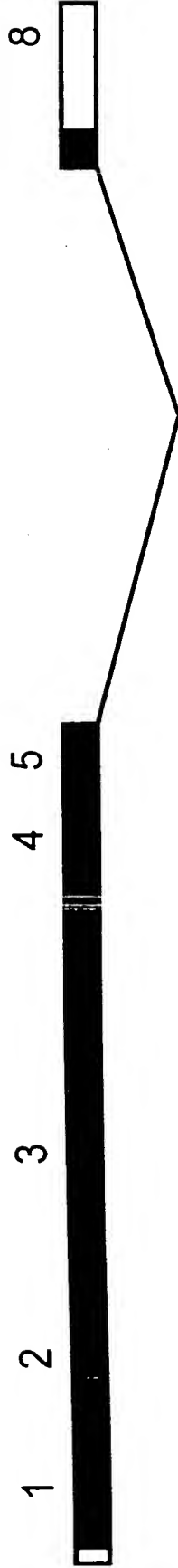
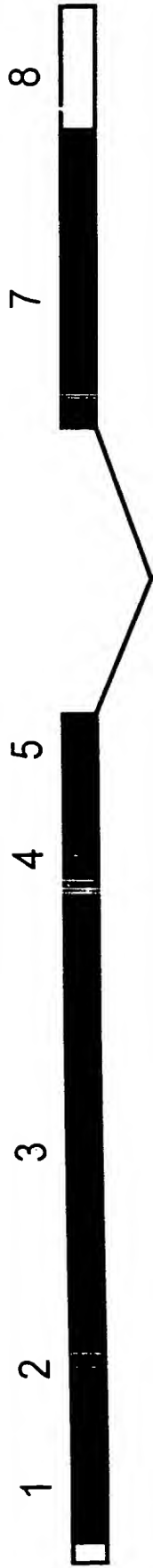
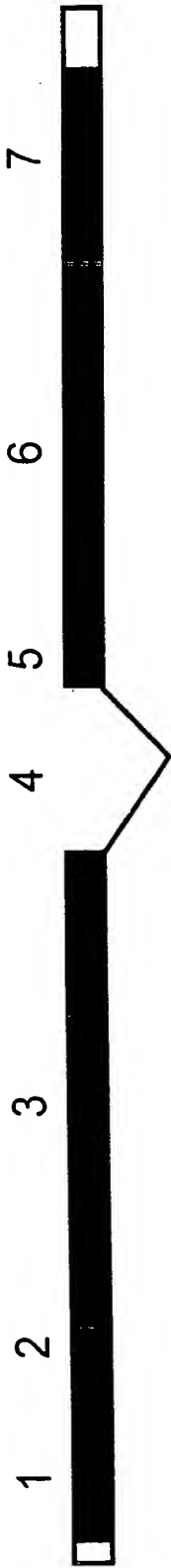
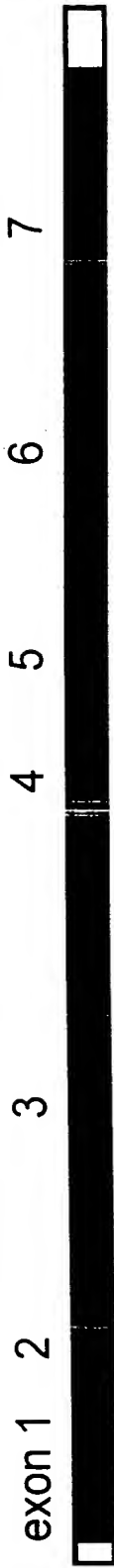


FIGURE 8A

Genomic structure of Human SOM175

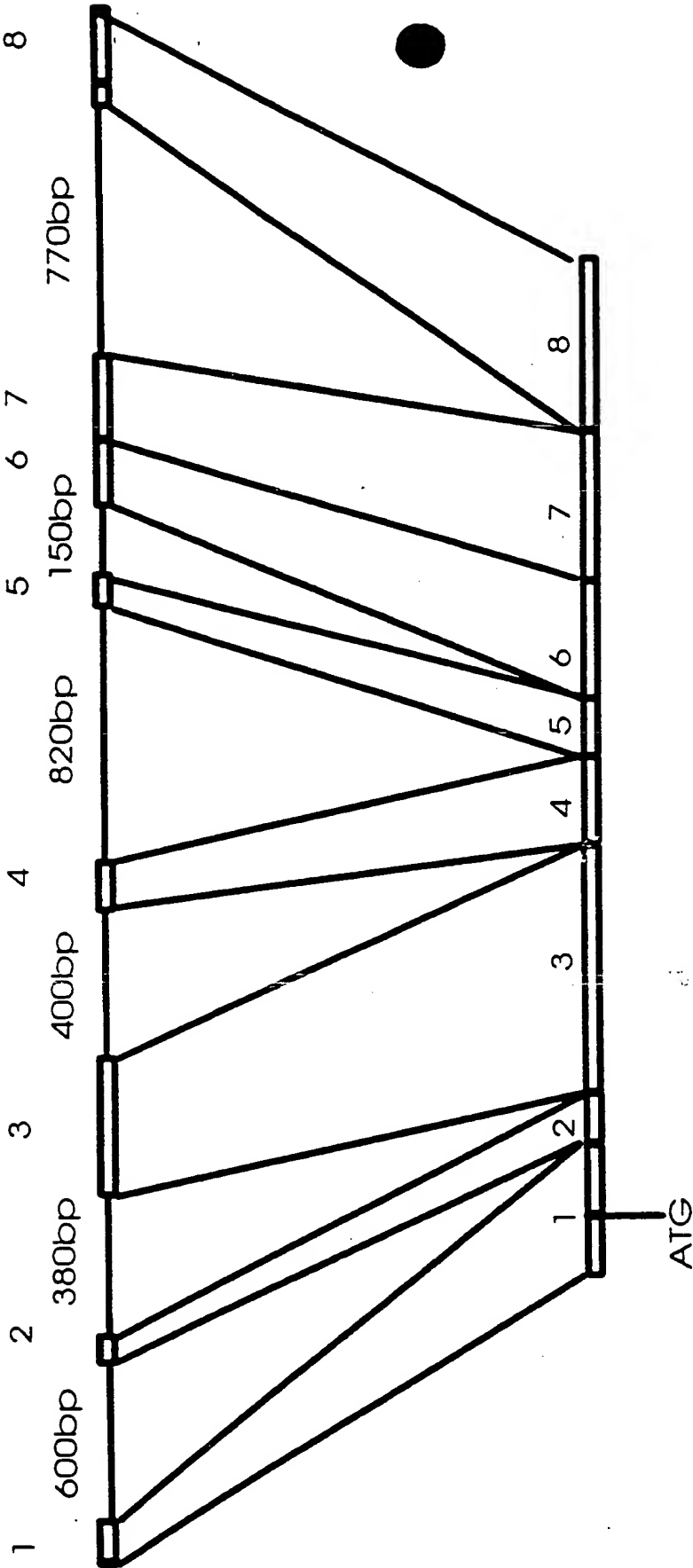


FIGURE 8B

5'UTR... ATGAGG	*Exon 1 (60bp)	GGCCAG gtacg-gagg
tctcccacag GCCCCT	Exon 2 (43bp)	GGAAAG aatacttaca
tctgctccca TGGTGT	Exon 3 187bp)	ATGCAG gtccgagctg
ctgaatacag ATCCTC	Exon 4 (73bp)	ATGCAG gtgtcaggca
acttttcaag ACCTAA	Exon 5 (34bp)	AGACAG gtgagtcttt
ctcctccgta GGCTGC	Exon 6 (101bp)	CTCCAG cccagggccc
cccactccag CCCCAG	Exon 7 (109bp)	ACCCAG acacctgtag
ccctgctcag GTGCCG	*Exon 8 (22bp)	AGGTGA ...3'UTR

FIGURE 9

-163 gcaacgagctcaggccgtcgctggggcgctgcgttgccgtgcccagggtcggga
-103 gggggccgcggaggagccgccccctgcgcgcccgcccggtccccgggtccgcgccatgg
-43 ggccggtcttggctgacccccccccacaccgcccgggctagggccccgATGAGCCCCCTGCTG
M S P L L -17

16 CGTCGCCTGCTGCTTGTGGCACTGCTGCAGCTGGCTCGCACCCAGGCCCCCTGTGTCCCAG
R R L L L V A L L Q L A R T Q A P V S Q 4

76 TTTGATGGCCCCAGTCACCAGAAGAAAGTGGTGCCATGGATAGACGTTTATGCACGTGCC
F D G P S H Q K K V V P W I D V Y A R A 24

136 ACATGCCAGCCCAGGGAGGTGGTGGTGCCTCTGAGCATGGAATCATGGGCAATGTGGTC
T C Q P R E V V V P L S M E L M G N V V 44

196 AAACAAGTAGTGCCAGCTGTGTGACTGTGCAGCGCTGTGGTGGCTGCTGCCCTGACGAT
K Q L V P S C V T V Q R C G G C C P D D 64

256 GGCCTGGAATGTGTGCCCCACTGGGCAACACCAAGTCCGAATGCAGATCCTCATGATCCAG
G L E C V P T G Q H Q V R M Q I L M I Q 84

316 TACCCGAGCAGTCAGCTGGGGGAGATGTCCCTGGGAGAACACAGCCAATGTGAATGCAGA
Y P S S Q L G E M S L G E H S Q C E C R 104

376 CCTAAAAAAGGAGAGTGCTGTGAGGCCAGACAGGGGTTGCCATACCCCACCACCGTCCC
P K K K E S A V R P D R V A I P H H R P 124

436 CAGCCCCGCTCTGTTCCGGGCTGGGACTCTACCCCGGGAGCACCCCTCCCCAGCTGACATC
Q P R S V P G W D S T P G A P S P A D I 144

496 ATCCATCCCCTCCAGCCCCAGGATCCTCTGCCCCGCTTGCACCCAGCGCCGCCAACGCC
I H P T P A P G S S A R L A P S A A N A 164
S P R I L C P P C T Q R R Q R 130

556 CTGACCCCCGGACCTGCCGTTGCCGCTGTAGACGCCGCGCTTCCTCCATTGCCAAGGGC
L T P G P A V A A V D A A A S S I A K G 184
P D P R T C R C R R R R R F L H C Q G 150

616 GGGGCTTAGAGCTCAACCCAGACACCTGTAGGTGCCGGAAGCCGCGAAAGTGAcagactg
G A * 186
R G L E L N P D T C R C R K P R K * 167

676 ctttcagactccacggggcccggtgcttttatggccctgcttcacagggagaagagtgg
736 agcacaggcgtaacctcctcagtcctgggaggtcactgccccaggacctggaccttttaga
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916 ttctgggtggctgtctccctcactatgaaaaccccaaacttctaccaataacgggattt
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1036 gacactaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa

FIGURE 10

A

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hVRF167  -21  MSPLLRRLLLAALLQLAPAPVSQPDAPGHQKVVSWIDVYTRATCQPR 29
          ||||| ||||| ||||| ||||| ||||| ||||| ||||| |||||
mVRF167  -21  MSPLLRRLLLVALLQLARTQAPVSQFDGPSHQKKVVPWIDVYARATCQPR 29

hVRF167   30  EVVVPLTVELMGTVAKQLVPSCVTVQRCGGCCPDDGLECVPTGQHQVRMQ 79
          ||||| :||| | ||||| ||||| ||||| ||||| ||||| |||||
mVRF167   30  EVVVPLSMELMGNVVKQLVPSCVTVQRCGGCCPDDGLECVPTGQHQVRMQ 79

hVRF167   80  ILMIRYPSSQLGEMSLEEHSQCECRPKKKDSAVKPDSPRPLCPRCTQHHQ 129
          |||| ||||| ||||| :||| ||||| ||||| :||| :||| ||| ||| :|
mVRF167   80  ILMIQYPSSQLGEMSLGEHSQCECRPKKKESAVRPDSPRILCPPCTQRRQ 129

hVRF167  130  RPDPRTCRCRCRRRSFLRCQGRGLELNPDTCRCRKLRR* 167
          ||||| ||||| ||| :||| ||||| ||||| ||| |
mVRF167  130  RPDPRTCRCRCRRRRFLHCQGRGLELNPDTCRCRKPRK* 167

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B

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hVRF186  116  RAATPHHRPQPRSVPGWDSAPGAPSPADITHPTPAPGPSAHAAPSTTSAL 165
          | | ||||| ||||| ||||| ||||| ||||| ||| : ||| ||
mVRF186  116  RVAIPHHRPQPRSVPGWDSTPGAPSPADIIHPTPAPGSSARLAPSAANAL 165

hVRF186  166  TPGPAAAAADAAASSVAKGGA* 186
          ||||| || ||||| :||| ||
mVRF186  166  TPGPAVAAVDAAASSIAKGGA* 186

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FIGURE 11

mVRF167	-21	MSPLLRL..LLVALLQL..AR.TQAPVSQFDGPSHQKKVVPWIDVYARA	24
		: : : : : : : :	
mVEGF188	-26	MNFLLSWVHWTLALLLYLHHAKWSQAAPT.T.EGEQKSHEVIKFMVDVYQRS	23
mVRF167	25	TCQPREVVVPLSMELMGNVVKQLVPSCVTVQRCGGCCPDDGLECVPTGQH	74
		: : : : : : : : : : :	
mVEGF188	24	YCRPIETLVDIFQEYPDEIEYIFKPSCVPLMRCAGCCNDEALECVPTSES	73
mVRF167	75	QVRMQILMIQYPSSQ.LGEMSLGEHSQCECRPKKKESAVRPDSPR.....	118
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mVEGF188	74	NITMQIMRIKPHQSQHIGEMSFLQHSRCECRPKKDRTKPEKKSVRGKGKG	123
mVRF167	119ILCPPCTQRRQR...PDPRTCRCRCRRRRFLHCQGR	151
		: : : :	
mVEGF188	124	QKRKRKKSFRKSWSVHCEPCSEERRKHLFVQDPQTCKCCKNTDS.RCKAR	172
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FIGURE 12

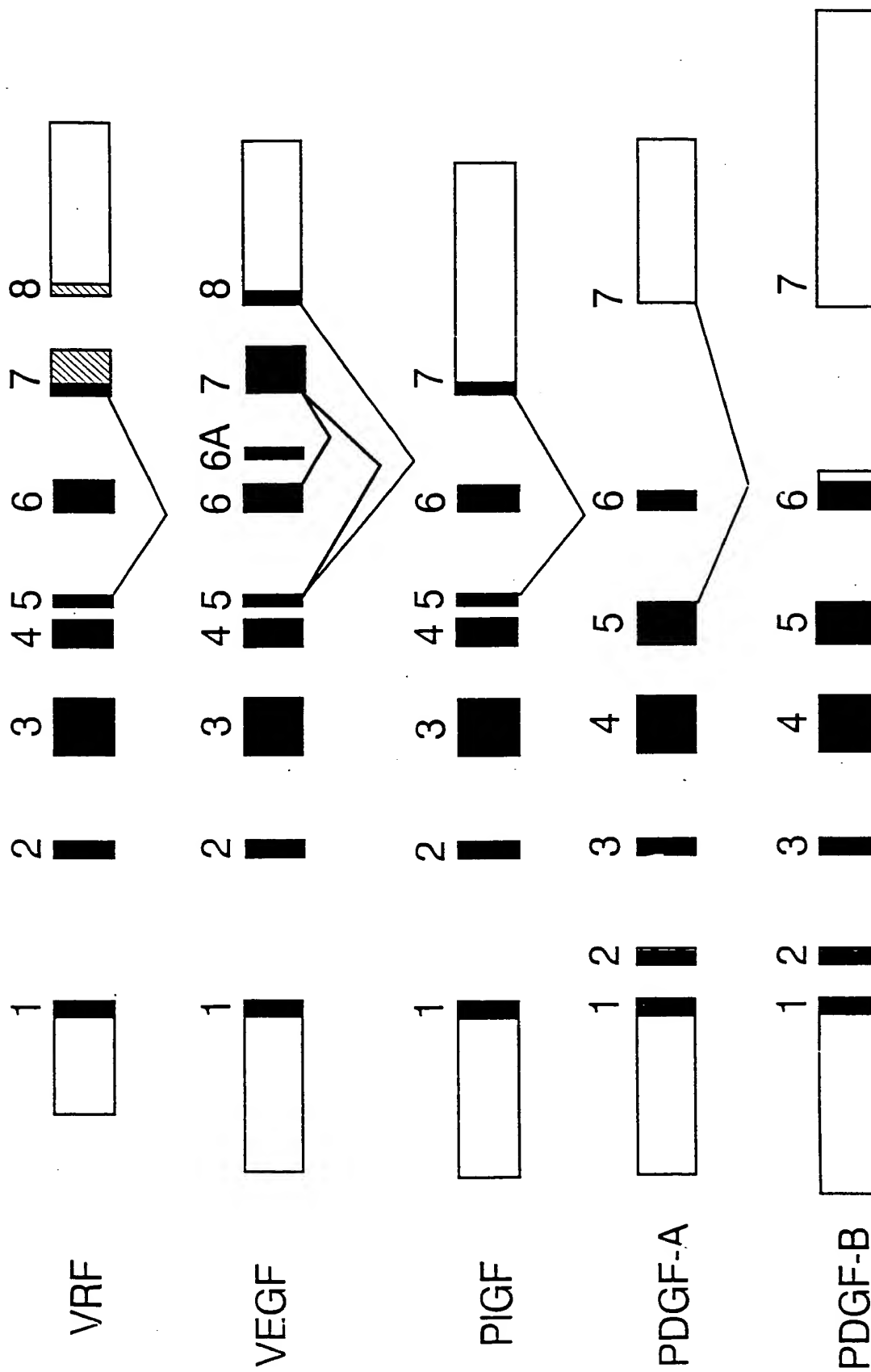
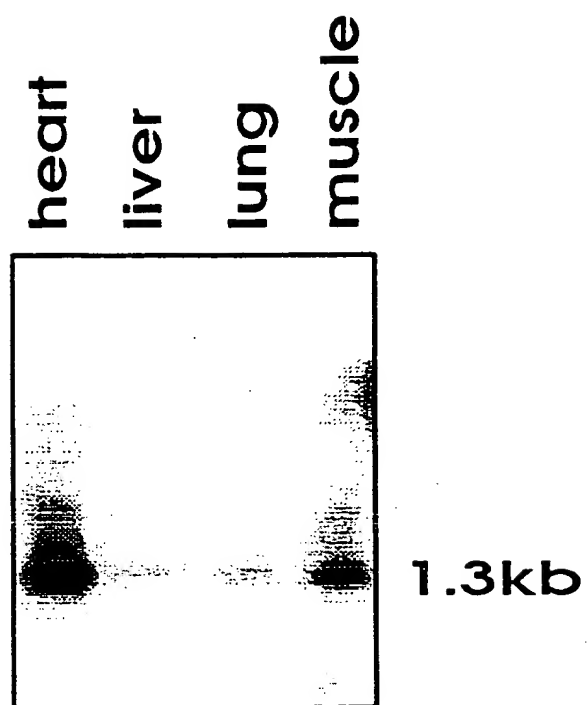


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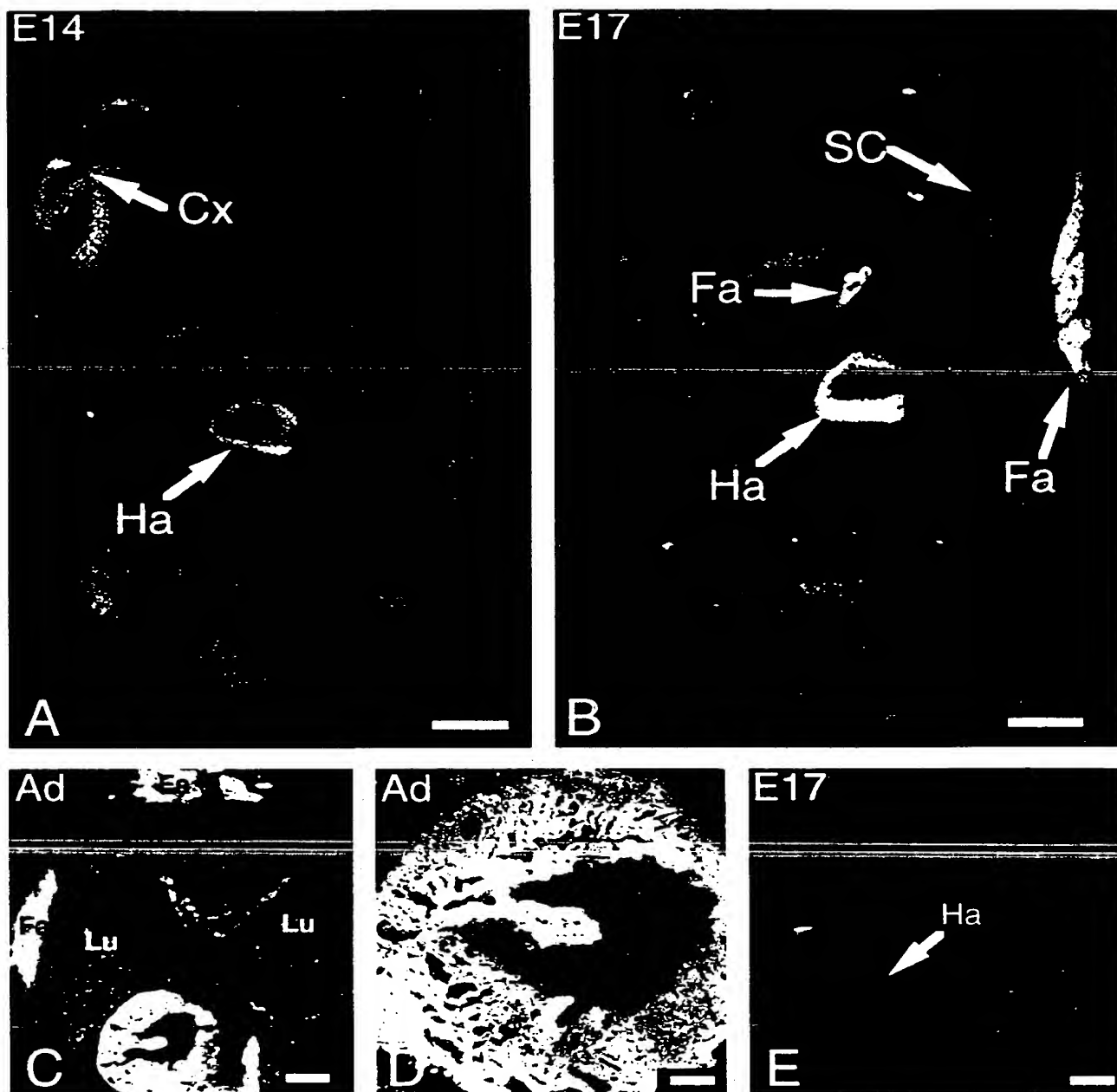


FIGURE 13